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AMEMBASSY BOGOTA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: GATT, ETRD, CO

SUBJ: GATT WP ON COLOMBIAN PROVISIONAL ACCESSION

REF: STATE 84233

1. AMB. JARAMILLO, ASSISTED BY TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIAL FROM BOGOTA, SAID THERE ARE NO RPT NO PLANS REPLACE "CERTIFICATE OF TAX RECEIPT" SYSTEM WITH BONDS. ALSO, CERTIFICATE OF TAX RECEIPT SYSTEM IS BEING REDUCED TO VANISHING POINT. FORMERLY, 15 PERCENT WAS APPLIED AGAINST TAXES; THIS YEAR RATE WILL FALL TO ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT. WHEN ASKED WHY COLOMBIA DID NOT THEREFORE DO AWAY WITH SYSTEM ALTOGETHER, JARAMILLO SAID SYSTEM WAS LEGAL REQUIREMENT AND LONG, COMPLICATED LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WILL BE REQUIRED. MEANWHILE, RESTRICTIVENESS OF SYSTEM HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED.

2. EXPORT PROMOTION FUND WILL BE INCREASED TO 5 PERCENT; REASON FOR RECENT INCREASES IS GROWING NEED ENCOURAGE
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EXPORT DIVERSIFICATION OUT OF TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS.

PROCEEDS APPLY TO CREDIT FACILITIES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND MARKETING STUDIES. "QUOTAS DE FOMENTO", OR DEVELOPMENT SURCHARGES, ARE LIMITED TO PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL SOCIAL PROBLEM AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IN DEPRESSED STATE. THESE SURCHARGES WERE CREATED TO ASSIST FARMERS IMPOVERISHED FROM COLLAPSE OF LOCAL PRODUCTION OF SUCH PRODUCTS AS TOBACCO AND CACAO AND THEREFORE NOT CONSIDERED "TAXES ON IMPORTS" EVEN THOUGH SURCHARGES DO NOT APPLY TO LOCAL PRODUCTION. AMB. JARAMILLO POINTED TO SIMILAR "SOCIAL PROBLEM" COMMODITIES IN PHILIPPINES AND NOTED PHILIPPINE WP REPORT RECORDED EVEN MORE SEVERE PROTECTION: OUTRIGHT IMPORT PROHIBITIONS (BISD 20TH SUPPLEMENT).
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